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## The Discipline of Darkness

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A profound and practical truth is in the statement, "Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light." This statement implies that it is possible for the child of God to "be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Col. 1:9), and "understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 4:17). We are admonished in Romans 12:1, 2 to be living sacrifices, not conformed to this world, but "transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." It is entirely possible for the child of God in the light of the Word, by the gracious guidance of the Holy Spirit, and by obedience to the light given by God, to be informed of the will of God, much as the Apostle Paul was told, "Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" (Acts 23:11). After such revelation of the will of God, there seems to come with eternal inevitability "the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth" (1 Peter 1:7). Paul was a prisoner, suffered shipwreck, and was given up for dead before he reached Rome, but he arrived, according to the promise of God. This trial of faith provides the discipline of darkness for the child of God, that he may learn to trust his Father in the shadow as well as in the sunshine.

Joseph learned this discipline of darkness. In the quiet shelter of his childhood home had come to know by dreams and visions that he was to have a place of preeminence among his older brothers. His pathway led through envy, hatred, and rejection by these brothers, who sold him into slavery in Egypt. Menial service and

murderous misrepresentation were his lot in Potiphar's house, and in the prison he was forgotten by men, but not by God. He endured the discipline of darkness because "until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the Lord tried him" (Ps. 105:19-R. V.). That discipline sweetened him so that at the summit of his success, when all Egypt was subject to his word, he could say to his brethren, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day, to save much people alive" (Gen. 50:20).

Jeremiah came to know the discipline of darkness. When misunderstood and misrepresented by others, he received the assurance of his Lord, "Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee well in the time of evil and in the time of affliction . . . They shall fight against thee, but they

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Dr. V. Raymond Edman

## GOD WILL PROVIDE HIMSELF A LAMB

By MISSIONARY NORMAN LEWIS  
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Old Abraham was known as "the friend of God." After much testing, God had given Abraham an only son, Isaac. God had promised to bless the world through Isaac. But there came a time when

"God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering: so they went both of them together" (Gen. 22:1-8).

### The Cross Is Here

As I was reading my Bible some time ago, I came to this

point, then stopped. Abraham's answer stood out as though in raised letters. What tragedy and triumph are in those words: "My son, God will provide himself a lamb!"

I had known before that in Genesis 22 we have not only a grand story, but also a moving message of the cross. Some aspects of this chapter shed luminous lights on Calvary. We see in Abraham a picture of God the Father who "spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all." Isaac represents to us Christ who willingly "laid down his life" and "became obedient unto death." The twice repeated phrase, "And they went both of them together" suggests the divine co-operation of Father and Son in the agony of redemption. The manner in which Isaac was

given back to his father speaks of life out of death, and resurrection.

But looking at the story again (Continued on Page 4)



Rev. Norman Lewis

## Notes from the Editor

Sales Manager, R. J. Cutchin, Enters Bob Jones College, Training for the Ministry; Carl Nill of Dayton, Ohio, Takes Place

Raymond T. Cutchin was a successful insurance man of Portsmouth, Virginia, when God laid it on his heart to give up his career and work with Sword of the Lord Publishers as sales manager, selling our books to book stores and agents. He did a blessed work. More and more his soul got on fire to see sinners saved, and he won them, one at a time, here and there, everywhere he could. One day he came into my office with tears in his eyes and said, "Brother Rice, I wish you loved me as if I were your son!"

Rather nonplussed I assured him that I did love him, that I was pleased with his loyal help.

"No," he said, "you do not love me as if I were your son. If you did, you would pray for me to enter the ministry!"

That took the wind out of my sails, and I could not deny what he said. If I had a son, I would

want him to be an evangelist. So I agreed to pray that God would make Brother Cutchin a great evangelist.

The matter went on, with Brother Cutchin getting more and more burdened to get into the ministry and preach the gospel as an evangelist. He wrote to me when I was away, saying that at night he dreamed of preaching. I gave him my hearty consent, so he got in touch with Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. Provision was made for him to enter Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tennessee, in September, and he is there now pursuing his studies and preparing for a great ministry. He will still represent the *Sword of the Lord* books in that area and wherever he can go, as time permits him to do so. We thank God for his noble work. Mrs. Cutchin is with him in Bob Jones College.

Who would take Mr. Cutchin's place? Mr. Carl Nill, a member of the Christian Businessmen's Committee in Dayton, Ohio, an insurance salesman, had much to do with the planning and organizing and promotion of the recent city-wide revival campaign held in Dayton. I have asked him to come to Wheaton as sales manager for *Sword of the Lord* books. Already he has sold his home in Dayton, bought a home in Wheaton, and will be on the field as soon as possible. He is a very successful insurance salesman, a very active and devoted Christian and we believe that he will do a fine work, with God's blessings, as sales manager for *Sword of the Lord* books.

I suggest that you pray for both these men, Brother Cutchin as he prepares for the work of an evangelist, and particularly Brother Nill as he helps get the gospel literature in stores all over the nation, and in the hands of

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS MISSION ON EARTH

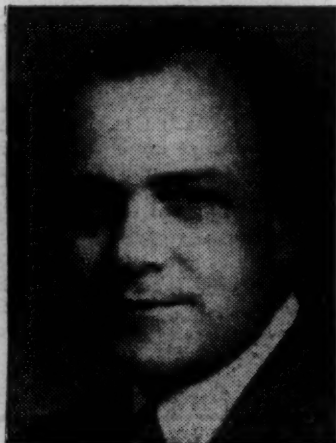
By REV. WM. HERSCHEL FORD, D.D.  
Pastor Kirkwood Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever."—John 14:16.

It must have been sweet to live daily with Jesus as the disciples did. They ran to Him with every trouble. They brought Him every problem, and in all things He spoke peace to their souls. He had a balm for every worry and a cure for every troubled heart. We could wish that we, too, could have walked with Jesus and been blessed by His presence.

But now He is going to die. In the upper room He looks about Him and is deeply grieved because of the sorrow overshadowing His friends. He has told them about His going away, but they do not understand it. The news has gone like a dart into their hearts, and they are saying to themselves: "What will we do when He is gone and there will be no one to lead us, to teach us, to comfort us, and to love us with an exceeding great love?" But He must go; He must die; He must be raised again; He must make the sacrifice that would save them forever and ever. Weep, ye disciples, but your Saviour cannot stay with you—He must go away and leave you for a time without a Comforter.

It seems that in this hour Jesus would be the one who need-



Dr. Herschel Ford

ed comfort for He was the One who was facing death. But in this hour, as in every other hour, He

thought of others and not of Himself. He saw the sorrow of His disciples and He comforted them. "I am going away," He said, "but I will send you a Comforter. I will not leave you comfortless. I will not leave you as a sheep without a shepherd. I will send one to comfort and sustain you throughout all the days." And in the due course of time He sent that Comforter whose name is the Holy Spirit.

I come to you to talk about this promised One, about the Holy Spirit and His mission on earth. This subject ought to interest every Christian, and yet there are few Christians who know much about the Holy Spirit. As a child I heard the ministers speak about the Holy Spirit and I had a very vague idea of what they meant. Some Christians have indulged in such extreme fanaticism concerning this subject as to cause others to shy away from it. But it is precious to know the Holy Spirit as a Person and to feel Him in your heart. He is my Friend, even as Jesus is my Friend, and I want to introduce Him to you today. I want you to meet Him, to know who He is and what He

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Mr. Carl Nill



## ECHOES OF DAYTON CAMPAIGN

By the Editor

There have been many happy echoes of the union revival campaign in Dayton, Ohio, September 8-October 6 in Memorial Hall. We believe that *The Sword of the Lord* readers will be stirred to pray for revival and will be blessed by these reports.

### Dr. Daniel C. Campbell, the Chairman, Writes

Dr. Daniel C. Campbell, pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, was chairman of the executive committee of the campaign. Enclosed with a most kindly personal letter, Dr. Campbell wrote the following for *The Sword of the Lord*:

"The churches of Dayton, Ohio, will thank God a long time for the John R. Rice Evangelistic Campaign. It proved a number of things.

"It proved that under the leadership of Dr. Rice and his staff, ministers who love the Lord and His Word and hate Satan and sin, can get together and strike a mighty blow for Christ and His Church.

"It proved that God can still save souls from sin; can give peace; can call lives into His glorious service.

"It proved that God still will bless the evangelistic campaign; He gave His Spirit to break down sinners and to give them a new nature in Christ.

"It proved that men who love the truth will come to the light to rally with the forces of Christ.

"It proved that a city can be interested in the gospel, so that the meetings are commonly discussed, and multitudes listen in on the radio, receive tracts and attend the services.

"It proved that God and His people are in this campaign unto ultimate victory.

"It proved man's absolute dependence upon God for the victory; the failure to attain greater results was not because of God's unwillingness, but man's unwillingness to go further in faith.

"We of Dayton are thankful that we could celebrate with Dr. and Mrs. Rice their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. We are so thankful that Mrs. Rice tarried and helped us in many ways. Our thanks also go to Mr. Mann, the advance man, to Rev. Harry Clarke, the song leader, and Miss Walden, the secretary. Dr. Rice, we thank you for being that quiet, earnest, burning light that shone so brightly in our city. May the fires, kindled or rekindled, burn on and on in endless revival.

"Daniel C. Campbell, D. D.  
Chairman of Executive Committee."

I take the liberty of quoting Dr. Campbell's report to his denominational paper, *THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN*. Dr. Campbell wrote, I think, before the campaign was finished, but at that time there were 391 public decisions.

"Evangelistic services are still effective. It was proved this fall in Dayton, Ohio, when over one hundred churches co-operated in a four-weeks' campaign under the leadership of Evangelist John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D. These churches represented practically all the denominations of the community. The meetings were held in the large downtown Memorial Hall. The singing was under the inspiring leadership of the Welsh singer, Rev. Harry D. Clarke; about two hundred persons were in the choir regularly.

"Great congregations were stirred as Dr. Rice preached Biblical, humble, heart-stirring messages. He based his challenge, not on emotion, but upon God's Word; any emotion displayed was the re-

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## Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved.

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A loyal group of singers from many churches backed up Mr. Harry D. Clarke, song leader, in the music in the recent Dayton city-wide campaign, conducted by the editor. On this night the choir was not as large as it sometimes was, but city and county officials were guests of honor and a good many legionnaires, Blue Star mothers and Gold Star mothers were present, represented on the platform by the American Legion. At the pulpit are Harry D. Clarke and the evangelist. Back of Mr. Clarke, looking to the left is Dr. Campbell, chairman of the campaign.

sult of the working of the Spirit in the tears of repentance, of compassion, and of joy. God blessed His Word in mighty ways.

"There were afternoon services in the City Rescue Mission when Evangelist Rice was definitely the Bible teacher. Here Christians were profoundly stirred as the speaker expounded the Word in his plain, humble way; the room was filled again and again. There were night prayer meetings which continued most of the night. Teams went with Dr. Rice to many of the high schools, grade schools and to various organizations of the community.

"There were 391 cards signed in the evening services by ones who came forward in clear-cut decisions for Christ. More than that number signified their decision in other group meetings. And reports are coming in from the great number who did not make public expression; these found peace in Christ and are now living changed lives and are definitely in the Lord's service. Ministers were revived and church members inspired so that revival fires in various churches will certainly continue."

### A Word From Rev. S. R. Martin, St. Paul Methodist Church

The secretary of the Dayton campaign was Rev. S. R. Martin, pastor, St. Paul Methodist Church. We are grateful for the following very kindly letter:

"Dear Brother Rice:  
"Last night in our prayer meeting we discussed ways in which we might profit from the evangelistic campaign which you recently conducted in Memorial Hall. I think you would be interested in hearing some of the reaction. One lady from another church said that she had been under a cloud for several weeks and this campaign lifted her from the depths. She has been many years a Christian. Another said that your expository preaching had made much of the Bible plainer to her. We all have felt that our visitation evangelistic campaign will bear much fruit because of these meetings. We have felt that an inestimable good has been accomplished in the city of Dayton because of this campaign. There are many who did not go forward who went away uplifted with a new determination to serve Jesus Christ more actively than ever. My own personal reaction is that you have helped all of us ministers who supported you.

"Our problem today is to get the world to recognize the blackness of sin and then to get people to recognize that they themselves are sinners. It is difficult to get people to see the terrible consequences of sin and the need of doing something about it. I feel personally that the things that you accentuated in your preaching will greatly help every minister in his preaching.

"I noticed by *THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* that the trend of our Methodist Church is to mass evangelism, together with visitation campaigns. Five of our chaplains have gone into full-time evangelistic work with the 'New

Life Movement.' I am glad to commend you to any of our brethren who are called upon to co-operate in any city-wide campaign that you might conduct. I feel that it was an honor to have been elected as secretary of the local evangelistic committee.

"One experience that I had part in was worth the whole cost of this campaign. I was asked to deal with an old man who had come forward. In examining him, I asked him if he had ever confessed Christ as his Saviour, and he said he had not. It is doubtful if he would have gone to any church and it is doubtful that he might have been discovered by any visitation group from any of our churches. The price of his soul cannot be estimated in terms of the cost of an evangelistic campaign of this type. May God bless you.

"Sincerely,  
"S. R. Martin."

### Rev. Peter Quartel of the City Rescue Mission Gave Great Help to the Campaign

In charge of the inquiry work with the new converts after they came forward to receive Christ as Saviour was Rev. Peter Quartel, who for thirty-four years has been in Dayton, superintendent of the City Rescue Mission. Many of the best Christians in Dayton he won to Christ, on their own testimonies. Brother Quartel was of great value to the campaign and we are grateful for his lovely letter printed below:

"Sword of the Lord Publishers,  
"214 West Wesley,  
"Wheaton, Illinois  
"Dear Sirs:

"I was sorry to see the revival campaign conducted in Dayton from September 8 to October 6 by Dr. John R. Rice, come to a close.

"It seemed to grow in power right up to the last day. Dayton hasn't seen such a revival in more than twenty-five years. It was indeed inspiring to see about five hundred accept Christ in the regular services, besides about 350 who took a stand for Christ in our schools.

"Figures cannot measure the value of a campaign like this. It brought about a wonderful unity among the co-operating churches. The pastor of these churches filled the front row on the platform at every service. The spiritual blessings from this campaign are going to be felt in Dayton for many years to come.

"Dr. Rice brought out the truth of the Bible in a clear and courageous manner in all his messages. He was kind and Christian in everything, desiring only to see men and women saved and Christians revived. The music was in charge of Harry D. Clarke and was very inspirational.

"Dr. Rice proved that city-wide revivals are still possible and we covet the blessings brought to Dayton for every other city in our country.

"Sincerely,  
"Peter Quartel"

## Notes From the Editor

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agents who will sell my books and others we publish.

### Heaven Book "Like a Present From Heaven" to Despairing Family in Germany

In the midst of our heavy burdens we have many great blessings. Letters come from all over the world to *The Sword of the Lord* office, many of them worth more than their weight in gold. Today an envelope came with seventy-five pfennig worth of German stamps on the envelope. It had been opened by the censorship in Germany, approved and resealed. It was from Ansbach, Bavaria, Germany. This touching letter pleased us so much here at Wheaton that I am reprinting it for you, just as it came.

"Ansbach, Bavaria, 26th August, 1946

"Dear Sir:

"I hope you will excuse me if I write some words to you.

"Please imagine! We have been expelled from our native country, in spite of having not been Nazis! All what we possessed we have lost, and the worst—since May 1945 we have not known anything about our one son.

"And in this despairing condition I got—like a present from Heaven—your booklet, *Bible Facts About Heaven*. I read it through at one sitting. And so did my wife, too. It gave us much comfort. We are now convinced, that 'Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.'

"And therefore I feel myself compelled to say you many thanks for this your book, that gave peace to our hearts. I should like that many people could read it, and find the same comfort as we did.

"Once more our many thanks!

"I remain, Dear Sir,  
"Yours,  
(Signed) "Thomas Konorza  
Workman

"Please excuse my faulty English."

What American chaplain or Christian doughboy gave to this troubled family my little booklet, *Bible Facts About Heaven*? I do not know. We have sent tens of thousands of dollars worth of literature free to the chaplains of the armed forces all over the world. Perhaps the man and his wife were moved from Austria; perhaps they were brought from another zone in Germany, or perhaps from Czechoslovakia. In many of these countries English is taught in the public schools. So they were able to read the gospel message in my book on Heaven, found peace for their souls in Christ and write to tell us so. Praise the Lord!

In checking we find that we often give more than \$2,000 worth of Christian literature away in a month's time. Shipments are sent to prisons, to chaplains and soldiers and sailors; quantities are given to schools, to orphan homes. Literally hundreds of thousands of copies of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" have



Dr. Harrison M. Pierce

been given by us free to those who promise to give the booklet carefully, according to our directions, to no one except those who promise to read it. We are abundantly repaid by the reports of happy conversions and comforted hearts, from all over the world. But if you want to help in this blessed work of giving out free literature, any offering you send us to 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois, designated for the Free Literature Fund, will be so used.

### Dr. Harrison M. Pierce, Christian Physician, Comes to Help Set Up City-Wide Union Revival Campaigns for The Sword of the Lord

Recently we mentioned that I had invited Dr. Harrison M. Pierce, of Santa Barbara, California, to be associated with *The Sword of the Lord* to help set up city-wide revival campaigns. He has agreed to come. At this moment Dr. Pierce is helping explore possibilities of a union campaign in two large west coast cities and soon will be coming east to do such work under my direction, God willing, for some leading evangelists cooperating with *The Sword of the Lord*, and in some of my own campaigns.

Mr. William F. (Bill) Mann is now giving his full time to such work and has recently been working in Topeka, Kansas, San Pedro and Los Angeles, California, Newcastle, Pennsylvania, exploring the possibilities for union campaigns on the invitation of groups of pastors and Christian workers in those cities.

These good men will help set up my own campaigns, will help in the enlistment, organization and promotion of them, but will also, when invited by groups of Christian leaders, help explore the possibilities for union campaigns where other evangelists, well-known and reputable, will do the preaching. We connected with *The Sword of the Lord* want to do all in our power to help bring great revivals back to America again, with a saving, God willing, of millions of precious souls.

Dr. Harrison M. Pierce is a Christian physician. Dr. Pierce

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took his degree in medicine from the University of Illinois in 1924. While he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery these twenty-two years, he has often found himself more actively engaged in Christian work. He gave much time and energy to the development of the Federated Church Brotherhood of California which had much to do with evangelism in the principal cities of southern and central California. Later he did fine missionary work among the Klamouth River Indians.

Dr. Pierce was active in Buffalo, New York, in my large campaign there two and one-half years ago. He helped in the reorganization and strengthening of the Buffalo Bible Institute. Recently he has been connected with Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, both in teaching and promotion and as college physician. He is a godly man, a wise, devoted, brotherly man. Pastors and Christian workers may trust him thoroughly. I covet for him and his talented wife, the special blessing of the Lord as they give themselves to the promotion of the revival campaigns.

Readers of *The Sword of the Lord* will see that I am taking a heavy burden on myself in sponsoring this work, but I know they will pray that God will provide the means and the wisdom and power that all of us need to bring again the day of great revivals all over America in every principal city, led by Spirit-filled evangelists mighty in the Word of God, with the full cooperation of Bible-believing churches and pastors of all denominations.

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We are happy to fill orders for *Sword of the Lord* books by mail and will do anything we can to help get out the gospel literature. Again we remind you that as editor of *The Sword of the Lord* I do not take a penny of salary, and on my books and others we publish I do not take a penny of royalty or of profit. This is a non-profit Christian publishing business, a missionary enterprise. We are glad to help in any way we can to get out the gospel in print, just as we are glad to get it out from the pulpit and radio. But we want you to stand by our partners in this blessed enterprise, the Christian book stores and book agents. If there is a Christian book store within reach of you, why don't you encourage them to stock these life-changing books? See what they have of *Sword of the Lord* Publishers books and encourage them to stock them all. Plan to buy from book stores wherever that is possible.

Many secular book stores, and book departments in great department stores, are glad to carry a full line of our books wherever they know there is a demand for them. The two largest department stores in Chicago regularly carry *The Sword of the Lord* books in their book department. If there is a book table in your church or some nearby church, ask them to order for you some copies of *Sword of the Lord* books. Thus you will help to make known these volumes, and at the same time will be befriending the good people who run the book stores and work to get out the gospel in print.

### Subscriptions for Christmas—and Free Books

Before you know it Christmas will be here. We urge that you prayerfully consider giving *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* for Christmas to as many as possible. Remember that the regular subscription price of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* is \$2.00 a year, or three years for \$5.00. However, for Christmas presents we will be glad for you to send three subscriptions, to different addresses one year each, for \$5.00. Thus you save \$1.00 on three subscriptions. Make out a list of relatives and friends who ought to have this foremost evangelistic weekly, this revival paper with sermons by the world's best soul winners. Just send \$5.00 for every three subscriptions. If you

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Yesterday a man sat in my office. He came from New York state largely to see me. He told me how in a Nazarene church in Florida the teacher of an adult class give out sample copies of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. He read a copy, was blessed and subscribed and praised God for the incident that first put it in his hands. Only Heaven can reveal how much good you may do by gift subscriptions to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. (And you might do well to get a few sample copies and give out at the church service or the adult class or the prayer meeting.)

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In Christ's name and love, yours,  
JOHN R. RICE.

yet, have the exact figures, although I know almost of a surety that there were beyond five hundred professions of faith in the auditoriums, three different ones, during the meeting."

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## God Will Provide Himself A Lamb

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we see Isaac asking his father, "Where is the lamb?" Abraham knew. God had said to him, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest . . . and offer him." We can imagine the raging struggle in that father's heart. But we only hear Abraham say, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

Why did Abraham say this nineteen centuries before Christ? His answer pierces twenty misty centuries and points to Calvary: "My son, God will provide himself a lamb."

Seeking answer to our question we note:

### I. God Alone Could Provide a Lamb

Why? Because man's sin wronged God. Sin is primarily offense against God. It is not just against man. Sin does not, first of all, put you wrong before your neighbor or before society; it puts you wrong before God.

We see this in the life of King David. When that great soul fell into sin he committed two terrible wrongs. He committed adultery with Bathsheba, and then murdered her husband in an attempt to hide his first sin.

But God's prophet stabbed David with deep conviction when he said, "Thou art the man." David cried to God for cleansing and forgiveness. And he declared, "Against thee, and thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight." Yes, man's sin strikes at God.

a. Therefore, if God is to freely forgive man, God must pay the penalty of man's sin. It is like this. Suppose a friend loans me \$1,000 and I give a note calling for payment at the end of one month. But when the note falls due I cannot pay. Let us imagine that the friend says kindly, "I know you have had hard luck and I freely forgive you the debt of \$1,000." He takes the note and tears it into bits. That would be nice, eh? But now a question: Who actually paid the \$1,000 that I might go scott-free? Did I pay it, or my friend? Think. My friend paid it, of course! He had to absorb the loss in order to freely forgive me. So God must absorb the penalty of man's sin in order to freely forgive the sinner.

### A True Story

During the Boxer uprising in China the wife and two children of a Christian Chinese, Mr. Kuo, were cruelly murdered. Following the rebellion the murderer was caught. What should be Mr. Kuo's attitude toward this man? He wished to act as a Christian. Since he could not read, he hired another man to read the Bible to him. Together they went through the New Testament. The day of the trial came. Witnesses clearly identified the prisoner as the murderer. He had been seen with some Boxer companions to enter Mr. Kuo's court. While the companions plundered the house and beat the mother, the prisoner had killed the baby and another child hiding behind a huge earthenware jar.

At last the magistrate turned and asked Mr. Kuo to suggest the sentence that should be pronounced. All eyes turned to Mr. Kuo. He said, "I am a Christian. As such I must live according to the precepts of the Holy Book. The Holy Book tells me to forgive my enemies. This is my guidance. I am bound to follow it."

### Guilty But Free

The magistrate remonstrated, saying such a thing was absolutely unheard of. Mr. Kuo insisted quietly, "As far as I personally am concerned, I must abide by the Holy Book." The crowd held its breath in amazement. Resolutely the official raised his head. Slowly and distinctly he pronounced the sentence. "Guilty. The prisoner is guilty of the murder of Kuo's two children. But because of his firm belief in Christ and his earnest desire to follow Him, Kuo forgives the murderer

of his children fully and freely. Release the prisoner."

Of course we know that the Bible commands the death penalty for murder and Christians should cooperate with the law to see that sin is punished, but as far as personal hate is concerned, Christians should forgive.

This story is true. Again, the question: "Who actually paid the price of that sin in order that the prisoner might go free? Plainly, Kuo paid it." His childless, cheerless home. His heartaches and loneliness. He suffered the full loss of the horrible crime in order that the murderer might go free.

### Calvary Had to Be

Thus you see how empty is the question, "Why did not God just forgive man with a wave of the hand?" Real forgiveness does not come that way. Never under such circumstances could Paul have penned the words about God, "That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). Calvary had to be.

Also you see how wrong is the notion that Jesus was an unrelated third person dragged in to take the "rap" for man's sin. True, Jesus was innocent, but He was not an unrelated third person. He was God. My Bible declares "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19).

Yes, God alone could provide the lamb. Why?

b. Because this lamb must be infinite and sinless. In order to bear a world's sin. He must have infinite capacity for sinbearing. In order for Him to meet in behalf of others the claims of God's holy law, He must Himself be perfectly sinless. The law must have no claim upon Him.

Let us imagine three bank robbers. They have been caught and convicted of their crime. Sentence is about to be pronounced. Then one steps forward and says to the judge, "Your Honor, we are three guilty men. But let me take the rap and do the stretch for my buddies." The judge might answer, "Sir, I recognize your generosity, but I must reject your request on two counts: First, you yourself are guilty. The law has its own just claims upon you. Second, even if this were not true, you could only take the place of one of your friends for you are but a man." You see the bank robber was neither sinless nor infinite. But Jesus was both.

Listen, friend! Whether you fully fathom it or not, the Bible is very plain on these points. In six hours on Calvary, God's Lamb suffered an eternity in Hell for every human. What depths of agony! "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Oh what a cry was this, torn from those bruised lips!

Yea, once Immanuel's orphan cry.

This universe hath shaken.

It went up single, echoless  
In the midst of a lost creation,  
That of the lost, not one need use  
That cry of desolation.

### II. God Did Provide a Lamb

God provided a lamb to sacrifice for your sins. How plainly Isaiah predicted it eight hundred years before Christ came. He says, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."

An American minister in England during the war returned to tell this story. In his hotel one morning he was speaking with a young man about thirty-five years of age, an employee of the Commercial Cable Company of London. After giving him a message, he asked him, "Do you have a family?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well," he said, "I'm interested

in families. Have you children?"

"Yes."

"How many have you?"

"We have one girl left."

"One left. How many did you have?"

"He said, 'We had three; two boys and a girl. Then came the German bombs, the blitz, and destroyed every home for blocks and blocks around.'"

"They Blew Us Out," tore our home to bits. In the darkness there was terrible screaming and agony. I finally found my wife and our little girl. Then," he said, "we tried to find our two boys. One of them we have never found"—and that quite often happened, they were so blown to bits.—"But," he said, "as we were digging—the rescuing crowd, in the ruins of our home—after a while I heard the cry, 'Oh papa, oh papa, oh papa, oh papa!' We redoubled our efforts and soon, down under the rubbish, I pulled him out. He was covered with dust and dirt and blood, and as I lifted him out—it was in daylight—he opened his eyes and looked up into my face—he was just 4 years old—and he said, 'Papa, why did they want to kill me? Why did they want to kill me?' and closed his eyes and did not open them again."

And that father added, "Next day when I knelt beside his little white casket, I went to Calvary. I thought I had been there before. I've been a Christian, yes, ever since I was a child, but that morning I went to Calvary—I heard another Son cry, 'Why did they want to kill me?'—I heard another one say, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"

### It Was His Love

Friend, God's Lamb gave Himself for you because he loved you. You say, "Did they not kill him?" No they did not kill Him. He said plainly, "I lay down my life . . . No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17-18). Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

I read a little incident that deeply moved me. A man whose business it was to butcher animals in a packing house had a lamb tied ready to be killed. He plunged the knife in the lamb's throat, the blood gushed out on his hand, the lamb reached out with its tongue, and licked its own blood from his hand. "The cold, hard butcher dropped his knife, took off his apron," and said, "I'll never slay, I'll never cut the throat of another lamb."

Why should I not be overwhelmed when I see my Lamb, bleeding, dying, forsaken of God and man? Then with tenderest love He kisses away my sins. Why should I not love such a Saviour? Why should I not give Him all my heart, all my life? The Lamb of God binds me to Himself with His mighty love.

### The Eternal Lamb

Oh, consider the Lamb of God! He fills the ages. We find Him described in the Scriptures as, "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Just think, friend, how long ago God prepared His Lamb to be your Saviour.

We find Him in the first book of the Bible as we read Abraham's inspired answer, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb." We step across a thousand years and still eight hundred years before Christ we hear Isaiah speaking again of this Lamb. How clearly the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah tells of His birth, life, death, burial and final resurrection triumph.

### Sin Questions Settled

And when the fullness of time had come God sent forth His Son to walk among man. John saw Jesus one day and said, "Behold

the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." He answers the whole sin question. "And again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"

Every lamb sacrificed under the old dispensation was simply a pointing finger guiding to Calvary yet to be.

I bend my ear down to the

Book, and listen,  
And back across the centuries I hear

The tramping of a million little  
hoofs of lambs  
To slaughter led.

As in the night, when I would  
sleep and dream,

I hear them, one by one, approach  
the place of sacrifice;  
Sweet, gentle, unresisting things,  
So pure and white.

And then I turn the Book and  
hold it near my heart.

The little lambs all quiet now,  
but, oh, I feel

The even tread of ONE who  
walked alone—  
God's perfect Lamb.

The footsteps cease—somewhere  
beyond the city's walls—  
My heart picks up the surging  
of a wondrous flow

That started from His Broken  
heart that day

And reached my own.

My friend, you must face God's Lamb. You may dodge Him in this life, despite His loving seeking. But not for always. The last book of the Bible shows us

### God's Lamb in Another Setting

The day of mercy has passed. The vials of God's wrath are being poured out. John beheld and, "lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:12-17). Solemn, terrible words of God!

But today is the day of mercy. Sinner, God's Lamb still waits to be your Saviour. John 1:12 declares, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Oh take this promise! Grasp it with all your force! In its certainty open your heart to the Son of God, God's Lamb, Receive Him now as your own Saviour and Lord.

### A Word From the Editor

As you have read this sermon on the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, perhaps you have realized that you have never accepted His sacrifice for your sins. Surely, as you read about the time when He will come not as a sacrificial Lamb but as a conquering Judge, you have felt the urgency of accepting Christ while He pleads, "Come unto me." He has promised to receive you when you come; "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). If you have never

accepted His pardon for your sin, I pray that you will do so today. If you can honestly do so, please sign the Decision Slip below and send it to me, or copy it in a letter or post card, or write me in your word, so I may know. I will write you a letter of counsel an encouragement, and I will rejoice to know that the Lord has saved you.

Dr. John R. Rice, Editor  
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Missionary Lewis' sermon, "God Will Provide Himself a Lamb." I realize that God did provide the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died to atone for my sins. I see that only by accepting Him and by receiving His sacrifice to pay for my sins  
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## A Special Message from Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Founder of Bob Jones College, Cleveland, Tennessee

My Dear Friends:

In the mail on the day that this is being written, there have been a number of financial contributions received for the building of the Bob Jones University plant now under construction in Greenville, South Carolina. These contributions ranged all the way from \$1,000.00 to \$1.00. We, of course, appreciate the larger gifts of our friends who are able to contribute the larger amounts. We, however, have never been so moved as we have by the smaller contributions, some of which have been sacrificial gifts made by consecrated, Christian people who wish to have a part in the great work which Bob Jones College is, under the direction of God, doing and plans to do in a larger way when the university plant is completed. We call special attention to one of the letters received today:

Dear Bob Jones:

I read the story of the person who only had \$1.00 to send and it was saved from milk. I am enclosing \$2.00 which I have saved from milk. I do not have much either but I am trying to tithe and I give to various causes for Christ. I'm interested in your building project and hope in the future my little granddaughter can attend Bob Jones College. She is nine years old now. Use this tiny offering as you see best, and wishing you the best in your work.

We would like to have you note the letter which we have quoted. First, this Christian woman tithes. People who tithe usually have something to invest in good causes. This Christian woman feels that Bob Jones College, on the basis of its record of service and in view of its plans for greater service in coming years, is entitled to a share in her tithe. We do not feel that our institution should have all the tithe money which Christians have to invest; but we have no hesitancy in saying that Bob Jones College, because of the unusual blessing of God upon it in allowing it the privilege of training this year more than 1800 young people for Christian leadership, 600 of whom are preparing for the Gospel ministry, does deserve at least some financial support from all orthodox Christian men and

women who have money to invest in God's work.

If you Christian friends will help us build an adequate university plant at Greenville, South Carolina, we will be prepared to take care of this good woman's granddaughter and many other children and grandchildren of those who read this appeal when they are ready for college. We are thinking not only of the needs of today but the needs that must be met in coming years, when, if the Lord tarries, we will have all passed over the river of death.

Remember, if you are interested in helping missions, we are training missionaries. If you are interested in evangelism, we are teaching all of our students to win souls to Christ; and we have trained some of the best evangelists in this country and have a number of young men now who are going into full-time evangelistic work. If you are interested in training Christian school teachers, help us train these teachers. We have young men and young women from all sections of America who will go back home some day to teach school, and they will be Christian leaders in their respective communities. If you are interested in having well-trained, orthodox pastors in pulpits in this country, help us make room so we can in coming years take more young men who wish to prepare for the ministry. Bob Jones College, in its educational setup and in its special emphasis, represents all phases of real Christian service. You can help the entire Christian program by sending a financial contribution so we can erect enough dormitories in the first unit of the university plant to take care of hundreds of additional students.

We wish to thank all who have helped us. Many of you have been saying to yourself, "Well, I am going to send some money." So please carry out your resolution and send your contribution. Our need will be very great for the next few weeks. For whatever you may feel led of God to send, we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

BOB JONES,  
Founder

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## The Holy Spirit And His Mission On Earth

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does. The best and simplest definition I know for the Holy Spirit is this: The Holy Spirit is God in the human heart.

### I. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

1. The Holy Spirit is a person. We are never to speak of the Spirit as "it," any more than we speak of Jesus or God as "it." He isn't something emanating or flowing from God—He is a real Person.

(1) The fact that He is a person is shown by the use of His name.

When we baptize a person, we baptize him in the name of the "Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." We use the name of the Spirit right along with the names of Jesus and of God. When we pronounce a benediction, which we get from the Bible, we again use the name of the Spirit in the same manner in which we use the name of God and of Christ. If the Holy Spirit is merely an influence, we would not mention Him along with these other two great names. God and Christ are Persons and we connect the Spirit's name right along with their names because the Spirit is also a Person.

(2) The fact that He is a person is shown by His appearances on earth.

I see Jesus go down into the waters of the Jordan. John the Baptist baptizes Him beneath these waters. When He comes up out of the water the doors of Heaven open, a bright light shines upon Him, a flood of glory descends and rests upon the sacred head of our Saviour. The Spirit came in the form of a dove, symbolizing gentleness and purity. The Spirit was seen by the brink of the river, even as Jesus came up out of the water, and as God spoke from Heaven.

Some years later we see a company of disciples in the upper room. Jesus has gone on to Heaven and these disciples are waiting for the coming of the Spirit as promised by the Saviour. The sound of a rushing mighty wind suddenly fills the house, a bright light shines about them and cloven tongues as of fire sit upon each of them. This was a marvelous appearance of the Holy Spirit in Person. An influence cannot appear nor can an influence be seen. The Holy Spirit was there in Person.

(3) The fact that He is a person is shown by the personal characteristics ascribed to Him.

a. Knowledge is ascribed to the Spirit. "... The things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (I Cor. 2:11).

b. Will is ascribed to the Spirit. The "Spirit ... dividing to every man severally as he will" (I Cor. 12:11). God has certain spiritual gifts for men. The Spirit wills that they should be given to certain men and the Spirit does give them to certain men.

c. Mind is ascribed to the Spirit. "He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit" (Rom. 8:27).

d. Power is ascribed to the Spirit. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13). Now we know that the Holy Spirit is a Person because He knows, He wills, He has power, and He exercises the functions of a mind.

(4) The fact that He is a person is shown by the acts and deeds ascribed to Him.

a. In the first chapter of the Bible we read "that the Spirit brooded over the earth" and brought order out of chaos. Once there was no order—the earth was like a valley of darkness under the shadow of death. It was then that God, the Holy Spirit, brooded over the earth. He sowed the seeds of life and brought forth every tree, every plant and every living thing.

b. He inspired the writing of the Bible. "Holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Moses wrote the Pentateuch, but the Holy Spirit

moved his hand. David wrote the Psalms and Solomon wrote the Proverbs, but they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Isaiah and Jeremiah and others wrote the Old Testament prophecies, but they wrote only as they were inspired by the Spirit.

c. He guided God's servants. In Jerusalem the Holy Spirit said to the church, "Separate me Paul and Barnabas and send them out upon a missionary journey." The Holy Spirit spoke to Peter and said, "Go down to the centurion and preach the gospel of the Gentiles." The Holy Spirit spoke to Paul and said, "Don't go back into Asia, but go over into Macedonia."

(5) The fact that He is a Person is shown by the fact that He is treated as a Person.

a. The Spirit can be grieved. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 4:30).

b. The spirit can be resisted. "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost" (Acts 7:51).

c. The Holy Spirit can be lied to. Peter said to Ananias in Acts 5:3, "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"

All these facts teach us that the Holy Spirit is a Person. He is not an influence, not an attribute, but a real Person. We are to think of Him, then, as a Person, and we are to seek to know Him and to give ourselves in full surrender to Him.

2. The Holy Spirit is God, the third Person of the Trinity. This is something that we will never fully understand—this mystery of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We worship Him as one God, yet He is in three Persons. God the Father is the mind; God the Son is the Body; and God the Spirit is the soul. In the Trinity God is the Father, Christ is the Son, and the Holy Spirit is the mother.

(1) The Spirit is shown to be God by the four divine attributes ascribed to Him.

These attributes are Omnipotence, Omniscience, Omnipresence and Eternity. These attributes belong to God—they are also ascribed to the Holy Spirit, proving to us that the Spirit is God.

(2) The Holy Spirit is shown to be God by the three divine works which are ascribed to God only.

Only God can create, yet in Job 33:4 we read, "The Spirit of God hath made me." Only God can impart life, but we read that, "God ... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This breath is God's Spirit. Only God can be the Author of divine prophecies, and yet we are told in II Peter 1:21 that "prophecy came not by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Only God can do these things, and yet the Holy Spirit does them, and so the Holy Spirit is God.

(3) The Holy Spirit is shown to be God by the fact that the same passages in the Old Testament which refer to God, in the New Testament refer to the Holy Spirit.

(4) The Holy Spirit is shown to be God by the way in which His name is coupled with that of God and Christ in the formula for baptism and in the Bible benediction. The Spirit's name is coupled in equality with that of the Father and the Son.

Do you see who He is? He is a Person just as Jesus is a Person. He is God just as the heavenly Father is God, even though He shows not Himself to any man. Jesus is not here in the flesh today, but the Holy Spirit is here taking His place. He is a Person and He is God.

Where is He today? Is He lying idle? No. He is existent everywhere, but most of all and best of all He lives in the hearts of believers. He sees a weary soul and whispers, "Come unto Jesus and rest." He sees eyes that are filled with tears, and He wipes away the tears and bids the saddened heart to look to Jesus. He sees a tempest-tossed soul and speaks the word of consolation.

He, conjoined with the Father and the Son, is working for the salvation of souls and the edification of the saints. He is a living being, a divine Person.

### II. What does the Holy Spirit Do in the World?

1. He convicts of sin. No man can do this—no minister can do it. The minister can come to you with the sharp blade of the truth and thrust it deep into your heart, but he cannot convict you of sin. Only the Holy Spirit can do this. A Christian goes to the home of a hardened sinner, a man who has no use for the gospel nor the church of God. He talks, he prays, he reads the Bible to him, he weeps over him. The sinner is saved. But the Christian did not do it. The conviction came because of the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to do the best we can in soul-winning, but only the Holy Spirit can bring conviction for sin. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8).

When you feel that you have sinned and that you want to be a Christian, when the weight of your guilt bears down upon you, the Holy Spirit is then convicting you and you should not resist Him. Yes, the Holy Spirit is a great convictor.

2. He calls us to eternal life. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come" (Rev. 22:17). He calls men out of their sin—He calls them to eternal life. He is calling in many ways even now. It is He who puts the desire for Heaven and eternal life in the human heart.

3. He regenerates. To be saved a man must be born of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit alone can give you a new birth. God makes man, the Devil unmakes him, and the Spirit remakes him. God recreates, the Devil destroys, and the Spirit recreates. He takes away the old life and gives the new life.

4. He seals us unto the day of redemption. "... The holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Eph. 1:13).

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## The Discipline of Darkness

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shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord" (Jer. 15: 11, 20). After he had received that gracious promise, he went deeper into distress and difficulty, into the dungeon, and into danger of death, both from the citizens of the city and from the enemy outside the walls. When the city was taken, however, Jeremiah heard anew, "But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord; and thou shalt not be given into the hands of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord" (39:17, 18). The dungeon was no place in which to doubt that deliverance was at hand.

John the Baptist knew this discipline in another way. John was "a burning and shining light" (John 5:35), and great multitudes were attracted by his fiery preaching. In the days of his popularity and power he said of the Lord Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). Very possibly he did not know that "decrease" would lead to the hatred of implacable Herodias, to the dungeon, and finally to ignominious death. His perplexity in the darkness is expressed by his question sent by way of his disciples to the Lord, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for

another?" (Matt. 11:3). In response to such deep travail of soul the Lord Jesus replied, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me" (v. 6). The discipline of darkness may cause us to be offended, "to stumble"; but there is a gracious possibility that we can be so established in the will of God that we shall not doubt in the dark what was told us in the light.

The disciple of darkness brings to us haunting shadows that insinuate, "God has forgotten to be gracious," "God concerns not Himself with you," "God's will would not bring you into the shadow," "God has forsaken you because you have disobeyed Him," and a thousand similar, subtle snares of Satan. On the contrary, this discipline can show us the wonderful truth of Isaiah 50:10, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God." The temptation is to give up all hope in the dark or else to kindle a fire of our own, which will prove to be loss and sorrow. We find, however, as heart and mind are stayed upon the Lord, that "unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion and righteous" (Psa. 112:4).

NEVER DOUBT IN THE DARK WHAT GOD TOLD YOU IN THE LIGHT.

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## The Holy Spirit And His Mission On Earth

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tion" (Eph. 4:30). A man makes out his will, a seal is put upon it. When he dies the will is opened up. When we come to Christ the Holy Spirit seals us. No man on earth can break that seal for when He seals us unto the day of redemption He causes us to become the children of God forever and ever.

5. He causes us to remember. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). Memory is a wonderful thing. We often return to a higher and better life because of the magical workings of memory. Jesus wanted us to remember. He wanted us to remember the things that He said and did while He was here, and so He sent the Holy Spirit to cause us to remember. When we come to celebrate the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit broods over this memorial meal, causing us to remember that Jesus died and that He is coming again. We are prone to forget all that Christ has done for us, but the Spirit often reminds us of His sacrifice, thus causing us to love Him more and more.

6. He teaches us God's will. Jesus said, "He will teach you all things." The real Christian wants you to know the will of God. The Spirit in his heart teaches him this will. Jesus Christ was the greatest Teacher that the world has ever known, but when He went away He said, "I am going to send you another Teacher—one who is infallible—one who will lead you in all truth." If you want to know to what church you should belong, let the Spirit teach you. If you want to know how to be baptized, let the Spirit teach you. If you want to know how much money to give to Christ's kingdom, let the Spirit teach you. If you are in doubt about anything, let the Spirit teach you. The Holy Spirit never makes a mistake, and He will teach you God's will if you will give Him the chance.

7. He comforts in time of sorrow. Jesus said, "I will send you a Comforter." In the hours of our sorrow our friends and loved ones do their best to comfort us, but after all the Holy Spirit is the great Comforter. When we sit in the shadows, He is the only One who can give comfort to our broken hearts.

Sometime ago I was riding on a train through the mountains. The sun was shining brightly and the light was streaming into every shadow. In a few minutes the porter came in and turned the lights on in the car. I wondered why he was turning on these lights when there was so much light on the outside. It didn't take me long to learn the reason. In a few minutes the train plunged into the darkness of a tunnel. If we had not had the lights on the inside we would have been in total darkness. The noonday light of the world may be shining brightly into your life right now, but what will you do when you are plunged into the hour of sorrow and darkness? You need a light on the inside—you need the Holy Spirit. They tell us time is a great healer, but the Holy Spirit is a surer and greater Comforter.

Some years ago a friend of mine, a splendid Christian man, lay dying. He called his wife and children to the bedside, told each of them good-by, gave them some kindly advice and then offered a prayer with them before he died. As they went down into their Gethsemane of sorrow there was no murmur nor bitterness which came into their hearts. They felt the Holy Spirit by their side, comforting their hearts. There are others who, when they have a deep sorrow, can find no comfort. They do not know which way to turn because they do not know the great comfort of the

Holy Spirit. Oh, sorrowing one, lean thy heart upon His bosom. He will give you comfort!

8. He gives us power to overcome the Devil. I have heard many men say, "I haven't power to live the Christian life." No man can in himself ever find that power. It must come from above. When we go to Him and ask for help He guarantees a power which is greater than the power of Satan.

9. He empowers us for service. A man stands to preach the blessed gospel. The power of God is upon him, and souls are blessed and saved. Where did he get that spiritual power? Did he receive it along with his college degree? No. Did he receive it from his books or seminary training? No. That power came from above. The Holy Spirit is the One who empowers us for service. Let a man try to preach in his own power and he simply beats the air. Every true preacher knows what I am talking about. We must serve in His power or we have no power at all. We cannot win men with our own words or our own wisdom. We need the power of the Holy Spirit. If you feel weak as you attempt His service, just remember that He has promised that the Holy Spirit will be your power.

Here in the church we have a number of brilliant electric lights. There is absolutely no power in the electric bulbs, nor in the wiring, nor in the filaments, yet I can push the switch on the wall and the church is flooded with light. This means that back yonder behind the electric fixtures and the wire there is a great power which furnishes this illumination. There is no power in you and me apart from the Holy Spirit. There is no spiritual power in our brains and bodies and hearts. But in Him there is great power and if we surrender these instruments to Him, He can flood the world with a great spiritual light.

Christians, the Holy Spirit is a Person. Do you really and truly know Him. Does he have an influence in your life? You may know Him through prayer and through the surrender of yourself to Him. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

The Holy Spirit is not a power for you to use, but a power to use you. The question is not how much of Him do you have, but how much of you does He have? If you will make a full surrender to Him, out of you will flow spiritual power and blessing for the world.

To the sinner I would say, Don't trifle with the Holy Spirit. Blasphemy against the Father and Son may be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

it can never be forgiven. I don't know what all of this means, the great theologians do not know, but I do know this; if He calls you, you are not to go on in your sin, you are not to reject His call. If you heed not His call, you are treading on dangerous ground. If the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin, I urge you to listen to Him and to turn to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

Come now and meet my Friend, the Holy Spirit. Put everything else aside; throw all sin out of your life; cast out all that would grieve Him, and you will feel His sweet presence living in your heart. The greatest need of the church today is to have the Holy Spirit sweeping through its members. So let us go to the throne of grace, surrender our lives to Him, leave our sins and thus shall we meet and know and walk with the Friend of friends.

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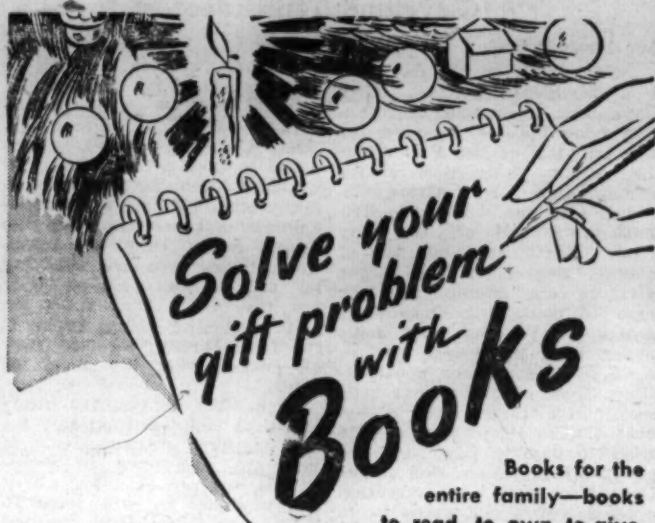
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"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

The way to blessing is the same today as it was then. God's wayward and backslidden and powerless people can have again the favor of God when again they search for Him with all their hearts!

The abomination of this modern day is that God's people do not really seek God with all their hearts.

We have an abundance of preaching. There is preaching in the churches, there is preaching over the radio, there is preaching and teaching of the Word by the printed page. Much of it is sound Bible preaching, some of it is really eloquent preaching, learned preaching, logical preaching. But, alas, most of it is not wholehearted preaching! All kinds of church work is going on. Much money is given, many songs are sung, many organizations are formed; Bible classes are taught, suppers are given. But in nearly all of our labor for God there is a half-heartedness, an abominable lukewarmness that God hates!

Preachers and people complain that we cannot have revivals. They think the world has gotten

too hard for God. They say that sinners cannot be reached. They say that great mass movements resulting in the conversion of hundreds and thousands of souls are impossible. But the plain, simple fact is that revivals are impossible simply because we are halfhearted. The conversion of sinners is rare because we do not search for God with all our hearts. Our passionless, powerless, tearless living and preaching never upset our lives. We do not seek God with a holy abandon. We never go at this business of having revivals and saving souls as if it were really the most important business in the world—more important than eating or sleeping, more important than jobs or loved ones or health or life, itself!

Things do not happen to us that happened to Bible Christians. We are never killed, we are never thrown in jail, we are rarely hated, we are not outcasts for Christ. We do not do the things that Bible Christians did. We do not pray all night, nor fast for days, nor weep day and night, as many Bible Christians did. We do not search for God with all our hearts.

God is as ready to hear our prayers and to give blessed revivals now as ever. And if we will set out to seek for God with all our hearts and souls, following the pattern of Bible Christians, then we can have God's abundant blessing as they had. It will be true that "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

God still has revivals to give, but the price is the same now as it was in Bible times. God's people can have God's mighty power and the outflowing of His blessing now as Bible Christians did, but they must have it on exactly the same terms; they must really search for God with all their hearts.

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The largest class ever to enroll in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles was received this semester. This class numbers well over 800 students, with a large percentage of returned G. I.s. During the years of the last war, the percentage of women students far exceeded the men. However, this year the balance is restored, with the student body about evenly divided.

The earnestness of the students is especially noticeable, according

to Dean S. H. Sutherland. They seem to have returned with a purpose in life which was never so apparent. It is believed that the world will have reason to take notice of the ability and sincerity of purpose of this year's students. Along with other like institutions, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles is crowded to capacity. Plans are under way to enlarge the dormitory and classroom space at the Institute to accommodate one thousand students. A large lot directly opposite the present buildings has been purchased, and it is planned to erect a thirteen story building thereon.

# Christ for Santa Barbara Campaign

With EVANGELIST ROBERT J. WELLS

The following report has come to us from Dr. Harrison M. Pierce, who headed up the Committee for Revival Campaign at Santa Barbara, California. He writes:

## "Santa Barbara Has Great Spiritual Awakening"

"September 15th, to 30th, 1946, marks the beginning of an epoch in the spiritual life of many people in Santa Barbara. Not since the days of Billy Sunday, some twenty-five years ago, has this area been visited with such tremendous spiritual power. Approximately 150 men, women and children signed decision cards acknowledging their acceptance of Christ as their personal Saviour and their determination to live the Christian life and hundreds of others have been revitalized by the outpouring of the gospel in this city.

## "Preceded by Much Prayer"

"The prayer life upon which the success of this campaign for souls depended began several months before the meetings. Prayer groups were organized in many homes throughout the city and these homes were provided with cards which were placed in the windows, indicating that that home was a place of prayer for

the unsaved people of Santa Barbara. It was felt that the success of the campaign largely reposed in these groups of intercessory prayer warriors.

"Without a doubt this program could not have met with its eminent success had it not been for the great messenger of the gospel whom the Lord sent. Dr. Robert J. Wells ably proved himself the man capable for this great task as was evidenced from the very beginning until the closing service of the campaign. He spoke three times on Sunday and twice every other day of the week, besides conducting a radio broadcast each Monday. Yet he never failed to bring inspiring messages from the Word of God. These are a few of the sermon topics which were greatly used of the Lord in the meetings: Heart Trouble, The Truth About Hell, Christian Monstrosities, Church Members Lighting Hell's Fires, The Two Greatest Sinners in Santa Barbara, Repent or Perish and others.

Associated with Dr. Wells was Rev. Henry Holmboe who proved himself a master at directing congregational and choir singing.

Some tentative plans have already been laid for a great Bible

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We opened at Brighton, England, in the Countess of Huntingdon's Church with the ground floor partly filled. There were 10 decisions the first night. The crowd increased greatly the next night and there was another decision for Christ. Perhaps the most wonderful feature about the campaign was the prayer meeting. The prayer warriors met faithfully each night and prayed most earnestly. On the following Sunday, there were 13 decisions for Christ. By Monday, the crowd overflowed into the gallery. On Tuesday the gallery and ground floor were well filled. On Wednesday we went to the famous Dome and had a wonderful audience with a number of conversions. It was in the Dome that Torrey and Alexander held their campaign. The people showed their interest by buying hundreds of books and after the last service it took a full half hour to shake hands with those who surrounded us. We have never ministered to a more friendly congregation.

At the Missionary Convention in Bangor and Belfast, I spoke each time to crowded auditoriums. The great Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church was packed to capacity on several occasions. The noted Wellington Hall in Belfast had only a few vacant seats under the gallery, and the McQuiston Presbyterian Church, the largest in all Ireland, was crowded. There were 150 volunteers for the mission field. No

one had ever called for volunteers before at the Bangor Convention. The leaders said it was the largest attended of any convention ever held. It was a time of rich blessing. So great was the interest that we have been urged to return to Belfast and we expect to go back in November.

We are now engaged in a campaign in Bristol, the famous city of George Mueller's Orphanage. The city has been fearfully bombed and I am taking many colored motion pictures of the ruins. I will have a thrilling story to tell of the bombing of Bristol and God's preservation of the Christians.

From here we go to Westminster Chapel, Dr. G. Campbell Morgan's great church, London, Oct. 12th to 19th; then to Cardiff, Wales, Nov. 3rd to 6th. After that to Belfast, Nov. 9th to 14th; then to Dundee, Scotland, Nov. 17th to 21st. After that to Edinburgh, November 23rd to Dec. 4th; then to Portsmouth, Dec. 7th to 13th.

Let me thank everyone who is praying. The work is most difficult. England has suffered a severe shock spiritually. Young people are not in evidence. Unless God does something unusual, there will be very few Christians left in a few years time. Let us pray for a mighty manifestation of His Spirit.

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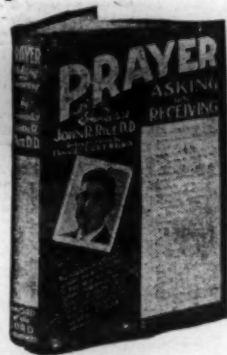
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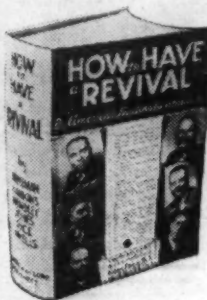
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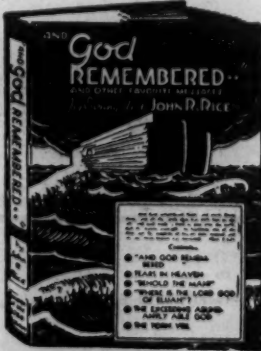
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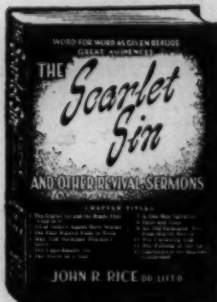
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